## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2001-353-W - ORDER NO. 2001-890

## SEPTEMBER 4, 2001

IN RE:	Abandonment of Water Service at the Isle of Pines Water System	)	ORDER RATIFYING
	Pines Water System.	)	SINGLE
	·	1)	COMMISSIONER'S
		)	ORDER

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for consideration of ratification of the Emergency Order No. 2001-730 of the Single Commissioner in this Docket. Because of the following reasoning we ratify the Order.

The matter came before the Single Commissioner under a scenario wherein the customers of the Isle of Pines water system reported being without water for some two days, without any notice of any termination having been provided from the owners of the utility. We agree with the Single Commissioner that the lack of notice clearly violated Regulation 103-735.1 (Supp. 2000). We also agree with the Single Commissioner's position that even though the Isle of Pines water system is presently an unapproved water system, the utility has submitted itself to the jurisdiction of the Commission, since it filed a case for establishment of rates and charges. Accordingly, the Single Commissioner was correct that the Commission has full jurisdiction over the utility as if rates and charges had already been established.

Finally, the Single Commissioner ordered the owner of the Isle of Pines system to reestablish service to the customers of the system and, basically, to maintain it until such time as the full Commission met on the matter. We have now met on the matter, and we ratify the Single Commissioner's Order in full, and hold that the owner of the Isle of Pines system shall continue to maintain water service to the customers of the system until further Order of the Commission.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:
Lang E. Wolsh

**Executive Director** 

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